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CAL VET DEPARTMENT SIGNS AGREEMENT TO TRAIN TRIBAL VETERAN REPRESENTATIVES

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) will sign an agreement with the AmVets Service Foundation to provide training for veteran service officers who will work specifically with Indian American Veterans who live in California.

This is the first time in the history of the California Department of Veterans Affairs that it will train veteran services officers who will be tasked with outreach to veterans who live on tribal land and in rural communities throughout the state.

EVENT: Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the CalVet Department and the AmVets Service Foundation to fund and train Tribal Veterans Representatives who will reach out to veterans in rural communities, especially American Indian Veterans.

DATE: Monday, November 1, 2010

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: All Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park
At the Corner of 13th Street and O Street
Sacramento, California 95814

WHO: CalVet Undersecretary Rocky Chavez, CalVet Assistant Secretary for Native American Veterans Pedro Molina, AmVets State Commander Charles Ramos, AmVets Service Foundation Executive Director Jack Eckles and representatives from the American Indian Veterans Association and several tribes based in California.

BACKGROUND: This agreement will allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide on-going training to the Tribal Veteran Representatives who will be employees of the AmVets Service Foundation. The TVRs will go out to rural communities and tribal lands throughout California and help connect the American Indian Veterans with the benefits and services that they have earned through their service in the United State Military. During World War II, of the 25,000 Native American Indians who fought in Europe and Asia they were awarded 71 Air Medal 51 Silver Stars, 47 Bronze Stars, 34 Distinguished Flying Crosses and two Congressional Medals of Honor. More than 41,500 Native American Indians fought in Vietnam, of that number 90 percent were volunteers.

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